

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 RANGOO 03630 260532Z

15

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 PRS-01 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 /044 W

----- 034952

O 260512Z DEC 75

FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 750

C O N F I D E N T I A L L RANGOON 3630

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, BM

SUBJECT: NE WIN RAMPAGE AT CHRISTMAS DANCE

A CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE WAS IN PROGRESS AT THE INYA LAKE HOTEL IN RANGOON WHEN AN EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER SAW PRESIDENT NE WIN ENTER THROUGH A BACK DOOR. THE PRESIDENT SLAPPED THE WIFE OF A BURMESE OFFICIAL SEVERAL TIMES, PUNCHED THE HOTEL MANAGER, GRABBED ONE OF THE MUSICIANS BY THE HAIR AND SLAPPED HIM SEVERAL TIMES. NE WIN THEN PUT THE DRUM STICKS THROUGH THE DRUM AND TRIED TO PUSH OVER THE AMPLIFIER, BUT FAILED. A EUROPEAN UNDP OFFICIAL MADE A VERBAL PROTEST, WHEREUPON NE WIN KNOCKED HIM DOWN. THE MAN AND HIS WIFE WERE THEN TAKEN AWAY BY SOLDIERS.

NO REASON IS KNOWN FOR THIS OUTBURST, BUT NE WIN WAS CASUALLY DRESSED AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL SAN U, COL. TIN OO, AND POSSIBLY OTHER OFFICIALS. IT MAY BE THAT THE LOUD ROCK MUSIC DISTURBED A MEETING AT THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE, WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO THE HOTEL.

COMMENT: A TELEPHONED REQUEST TO KEEP THE NOISE DOWN WOULD HAVE BEEN LESS SPECTACULAR. THIS INCIDENT TENDS TO CONFIRM NE WIN'S REPUTATION FOR HAVING A SHORT FUSE.
OSBORN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONNEL CONDUCT, SOCIAL RECEPTIONS, POLITICAL LEADERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 DEC 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: greeneet
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975RANGOO03630
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750448-0158
From: RANGOON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751211/aaaaaiwf.tel
Line Count: 50
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 1
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 JUL 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <12 NOV 2003 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NE WIN RAMPAGE AT CHRISTMAS DANCE A CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE WAS IN PROGRESS AT THE INYA LAKE HOTEL IN
TAGS: PINT, BM, (NE WIN)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006